



IGFC, MNC-I say farewell to commander

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"Your presence will be keenly missed..." were the farewell words of the MNC-I commanding general to the former commanding general of the Iraqi Ground Forces Command who was celebrated during a farewell ceremony at Al Faw Palace, Monday.

Hundreds of servicemembers, along with civilians and distinguished leaders, were present to send off Abdul-Qadir Jasim Al-Ubaidy, Iraq's newly appointed Minister of Defense.

Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, commanding general, MNC-I, had many words of praise for Abdul-Qadir.

Remarking on his strong work ethic and honest approach, Chiarelli said he puts full faith

in Abdul-Qadir.

"He approaches his work with intelligence, sensitivity and unwavering determination, and most importantly he gets



Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli gives the Iraq Defense Minister Abdul-Qadir Mohammad Jasim Al-Ubaidy a cavalry sword as a token of friendship and gratitude.

things done," said Chiarelli.

Abdul-Qadir graduated from the Iraqi military academy in 1969. He served in numerous leadership positions throughout his career as an armor officer, working his way up to the position of armored division commander.

His country has continually relied on him in many times of need, said Chiarelli, and they will continue to do so.

"Your country has called on you again and as you always have before, you answered that call," he added. "As you leave us to take the position of Minister of Defense, I know you will bring the same qualities to your historic mission there as you did here."

After Chiarelli finished his remarks, he presented Abdul-Qadir with a cavalry sword as a token of friendship and

gratitude from one soldier to another. Abdul-Qadir then took the podium and spoke of the appreciation he has for the entire Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

"You have given us liberty. I believe that there is no holier mission than bringing liberty to people who do not have it," said Abdul-Qadir. "(Iraqis) feel great pain every time a person from the Multi-National Force is killed. We know that your families are suffering. I promise you that we will support you."

Abdul-Qadir also made promises of improvement in the Iraqi fighting forces, promising they will learn and train better in a short period of time so they may stand on their feet to fight the insurgency.

"At first, we supported you
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Camp Victory Three-day Forecast

Wednesday



Sunny
High: 117 F
Low: 87 F

Thursday



Sunny
High: 120 F
Low: 87 F

Friday



Sunny
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Motor pool earns top maintenance award

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At a time when most military units are rotating in and out of deployments, there is little room for their maintenance Soldiers to rest on their laurels and become complacent. The “maintainers” of V Corps’ Special Troops Battalion, currently deployed here as Multi-National Corps - Iraq’s Task Force Victory, are no different.

So it probably seemed “a bridge too far” when STB leadership decided that one way to keep the “maintainers” in their motor pool sharp was to turn up the tempo even more by having the motor pool staff simultaneously prepare for deployment and enter their work in the United States Army Europe’s annual Army Award for Maintenance Excellence competition.

The STB team came to that bridge and crossed it in triumph, winning top honors in the competition.

This motor pool’s wrench-turners, drivers, heavy equipment operators and logistics specialists -- a tight-knit group who make their presence known in V Corps formations by yelling, “Bee Moe!” (For BMO, or Battalion Maintenance

Office) – were all smiles as they received their AAME trophy from Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli, commander, MNC-I, during a ceremony at the Al Faw Palace, June 8.

The AAME award won by the motor pool team was in the competition’s

time and ‘top cover’ we needed to compete and win,” said Binnar. “This is one of the biggest achievements this corps has made in years.”

The Soldiers of the motor pool, based out of Tompkins Barracks in Schwetzingen, Germany, and led by Binnar, were a little reluctant to enter such a grueling competition in the heat of preparing for their current deployment.

“Before we entered this, I knew it was going to take a total commitment, and all of them stepped up and made it happen,” said Binnar. “I am very proud of the Soldiers in the motor pool for accomplishing this.”

Every Army maintenance facility can submit a packet to their major command to enter the competition.

The packet must include a detailed description of how every facet of their unit’s logistics system works, including administrative data; mission statements and accomplishments; use of maintenance resources, and innovative management accomplishments.

If the packet is accepted, the unit is inspected with a fine-toothed comb by representatives of its major command. To make it more difficult to win, the

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V Corps' Special Troops Battalion motorpool section gather around their trophy in the Al Faw Palace at Camp Victory, Iraq June 8th for winning the 2005 United States Army Europe's Army Award for Maintenance Excellence.

“large” — as in “large unit” — category. Winning that category is often the most difficult, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Binnar, because of the number of troops and equipment for which the motor pool provides support and maintenance services.

Without the support of the command, the AAME would have been even more difficult to win, he added.

“In the midst of getting ready to deploy, the command believed in us and gave us the

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in this fight as an army led by you,” said Abdul-Qadir. “Then we started fighting shoulder-to-shoulder, and now, in many places, we are leading the fight with your support.”

In closing, Abdul-Qadir made a promise that he himself would not change, but would remain loyal to Iraq.

“Many times I was a soldier, and now moving from one position to a harder position, I will not change, and I will stay a soldier,” said Abdul-Qadir. “I will make soldiers. We will serve Iraq with a powerful force.”

The final words were of thanks, and the only words he spoke in English clearly stated his resolve, “We will win.”

Abdul-Qadir did much for Iraq and MNF-I, said Chiarelli. He will continue to do so in a higher regard.

“Your presence will be keenly missed, but we take heart in the fact that you are destined for greater things and that there is no one more qualified than you to lead and shape the future of Iraq’s military,” said Chiarelli. “You have our solemn commitment to work closely with you and walk shoulder-to-shoulder as partners and brothers.”

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a minimum in the turret.
Stay low.**

**If you can see it,
it can see you.**



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MOTORPOOL—

inspectors can look back three years in each unit's maintenance records to find the overall winner.

In the early stages of the competition, the STB motor pool was already under the microscope, Binnar said, adding that its Soldiers knew the unit was preparing to go back to Iraq and often wondered, "Why are we doing this?"

As the AAME process started, the chief said, he had to give motivational speeches at least every other week to keep it all going.

"It was painful," said Binnar. "It took a lot of late hours and lost weekends, but in the end we are better for it."

Many of the motor pool Soldiers said they made light of their heavy load by telling their friends and loved ones they

were spending all their free time with their new girlfriend, Amy -- a name created from their pronunciation of the award acronym AAME.

One motor pool squad leader, Sgt. Hartley Delvalle, said family support during the competition was very important. He recalled many nights when spouses brought meals to their Soldiers in the motor pool well past working hours.

"It was hard, but I knew by doing it we would find out our deficiencies, fill the gaps and do things by the book," Delvalle said.

Binnar made it clear to his Soldiers that the STB motor pool is viewed by others as the corps commander's motor pool twice over -- for both V Corps and MNC-I.

"We have to set the standard at our level," said Binnar. "How can we tell our subordinate motor pools what they should

be doing, if we aren't doing things the right way?"

STB's Spc. Shawn Snyder summed up the road he and his colleagues at the motor pool traveled to victory: "It's like we all took a busted car that needed a lot of work... and we fixed it up so it runs like new."

The way the STB is structured, and the dynamics of the STB motor pool, cause it to run as if it's a separate company, said Binnar. They have a clearly defined leadership structure where every leader assumes additional duties on top of their initial specialties by attending various Army sponsored courses.

The motor pool team provides direction, manpower and oversight to every logistics section in the corps headquarters, from its arms and supply rooms, to its chemical section, to the battalion headquarters company. Many of those sections mirror the

way the motor pool operates.

"We all relate to each other very well," said Spc. Charles Hoelscher from the motor pool. "We have a tight bond and we all get along because we rely on each other for everything."

Now functioning as the TF Victory motor pool team here, the next challenge for the Germany-based maintainers is to bring the standards they set there to MNC-I, as well as to provide III Corps with everything its motor pool staff will need to be successful when V Corps passes the wrench at the end of its deployment.

"When these Soldiers leave this unit they could go on to other motor pools and be just as successful, because we build winners here," said Binnar. "I am most proud of these Soldiers for all the hard work they did," said Binnar. "The V Corps motto is 'It will be done,' but here in the motor pool we say, 'We get it done!'"



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DATES: July 12 and 13
TIME: 1 - 5 pm
LOCATION: Al Faw Palace, main ballroom
AVAILABLE SLOTS: 115

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Chaplain's corner

Spiritual

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places,"
Ephesians 6:12

In the day-to-day battle we fight, it is crucial to identify the enemy. Every Soldier in a convoy is watchful for the enemy. If they do not pay attention, then they are open to a lethal attack. Saint Paul had many enemies. Some resented him, others hated him, and others even wanted to kill him. Some, who were supposedly on his side, did everything they could to discredit him and defeat his mission of ministry.

As a strong and valiant soldier, Paul never lost sight of the mission and his real enemy. Paul was guarded against the powers of evil and was watchful as the tactical commander in each convoy vehicle – scanning ahead for any sign of the enemy. When people attacked him, he knew they were not his real opponents. They were simply insurgents of the spiritual



CH (MAJ) Charles M. Herring
 Religious Support Operations
 MNC-I Chaplain Office

forces of darkness.

When I meet opposition to my faith, my first reaction is anger. If I'm not watchful, my anger will divert my focus from the deeper, spiritual dimensions of my battle. Many times I've found my "enemy" is hopelessly captured by sin. My father would say, "They just don't know any better." Rather than mounting my counter attack, I focus on sincerely trying to intercede for that person. My "enemy's" hostility is my invitation to become involved in God's redemptive battle to free him or her from spiritual bondage.

I must be alert to the spiritual battle around me. The battle is real and potentially destructive to me and those I care about – the Soldiers and partners of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Spiritual warfare is dependent upon knowing my real enemy. My vigilance will protect me from spiritual wounds and even spiritual death. The foundation of my hope lies in the reality that Saint John wrote, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (I John 4:4). I steadfastly trust in the God who has already defeated the enemy.

Letters from home

Sgt. Luther Hano, 98th Maintenance Company,
 Congratulations and Happy Father's Day to Sgt. Luther "Chad" Hano. The Hano family recently welcomed a new baby girl, Chloe Morgan, to the group. Hope your Father's Day is great. We Love You and we will see you soon!
 Love Always, Jamie, Cheyenne, Cameron and Chloe Hano

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 AL FAW PALACE BALLROOM

DATES
 June 28, 30 / July 5, 7

TIMES
 POSH 10 – 11a.m. / SAPR 11a.m. – noon

POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS TRAINING IS THE
 MNC-I HR/EO OFFICE @ 822-3532/3545

898th Medical Detachment (PM)
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40 hour training course

Class Dates:

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Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dinner 5 - 9 p.m.

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Camp Liberty Post Exchange

Everyday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Post Office

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

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Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon
Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - noon

Dental Sick Call:

Monday - Friday 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Saturday 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - noon

Post Deployment Health Briefings:

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Pharmacy:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - noon, 1 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon

Legal Assistance/Claims

Saturday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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To reserve a seat or for more information, contact:

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Latter Day Saints Service 2 p.m.
Episcopal/Lutheran Service 4 p.m.
Contemporary Protestant Service 6 p.m.

Saturday:
7th Day Adventist Service 11 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass 8 p.m.

Mini-Chapel (Bldg. 2)

Monday - Friday
Roman Catholic Service 4 p.m.

Friday:
Jewish Service 6:30 p.m.


Saturday:
Orthodox:
Orthodox Vespers 5 p.m.
Orthodox Confession 5:30 p.m.
Orthodox Bible Study 7 p.m.

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